

Electrical Infrastructure Research Team

Cable and Connector Requirements

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1) Sections

- Areas of Focus
- Team Members for Feedback
- Electrical Characteristics
- Cable Jacket and Connector Molding Materials
- Connector Style Options
- What we've developed to date
- Next Steps

2) Areas of Focus

- Circuits to Consider – All LED Lighting
- Primary Focus – Phase 1
 - Taxiway Edge
 - Taxiway Centerline
 - MIRLS and HIRLS
 - Runway Centerline
 - TDZs
- Secondary Focus – Phase 2
 - Threshold
 - Signs
 - REILs

3) Team Members for Feedback

- Gene Gottlieb (ORD)
- Frank Barczak / Jeff Pace (MCO)
- Rick Meyers (SLC)
- Dave Reeves (MEM)
- Chris Davis (ATL)
- Jim Evans (CLT)
- Dave Pracht / Heather McKee (DIA)
- Mark Borrough (SEA)
- Dave Garrett (DTW)
- Mike Bowman / Frank Slusher (IAD)
- Jay Dupont (PHX)

3) Team Members for Feedback

- How to use Team:
 - Feedback early on for chemical interaction in the field
 - Comments on what they want with ideal cable and connectors and why
 - Sample testing in the field
 - Feedback in setting up testing requirements
- New members for consideration
 - Adam Zandan – Prysmian / Draka Cable
 - Ben Goebel – Atkins Engineer
 - Carl Johnson – Avcon
- Why this is important
 - Will assist FAA in developing specifications with input from field
 - Input from experts who handle product daily

4) Electrical Characteristics

- Legacy Mode Option
 - Ability to go back to legacy mode
 - 6.6A at 5KV on primary, 6.6A at 600V on secondary
- Future Only Options
 - Get VA for each manufacturers LED lights (see matrix) - Confirm
 - Get layout detail – how many lights are typical for each area.
 - Calculate estimated losses
 - Excel spreadsheet for VA requirements
 - Resistance, Efficiency other considerations factored in
 - Find max requirement – spec cable and connector ratings to meet max requirements – create buffer (load calc target at 70%)

Manufacturer	Part # (Depends on color, power, height, arctic option, etc.)	Description	Arctic Option	Amps	VA	
ADB	L861T (L): ETES-XXXX	Elevated Taxiway Edge Light	W/O Heater (or Heater off)	6.6	12	
			W/ Heater	6.6	25	
	L850A (L): IRCL-XXXXXX	LED Runway Centerline				
		Unidirectional	W/O Heater		15	
		Bidirectional- One Cord Set	W/O Heater		29	
		Unidirectional	W/ Heater		30	
	L850B (L): TDZL-XXXXX	Style 3 LED Touchdown Zone Light	W/O Heater		15	
			W/ Heater		30	
	L850C (L) and L850D (L): IREL-XXX0XXX	Style 2 LED Runway Edge and Runway Threshold and Runway EndLight				
		Unidirectional	W/O Heater		21	
		Bidirectional-One Cord Set	W/O Heater		36	
		Unidirectional	W/ Heater		49	
	L852A/B/C/D (L) and L852J/K (L): ITCF-XX0XXX	F-Range LED Taxiway Centerline Light				
			L852D (L), L852K (L)			
			Unidirectional	W/O Heater		21
			Bidirectional-One Cord Set	W/O Heater		27
	L852T (L): ITL-XXXX	Style 3 LED Taxiway Edge Light	W/ Heater	6.6	44	
			W/O Heater	6.6	19.5	
	L862 (L) and L862E (L): EREX-XXXX-XXX-0000	LED Runway Edge High Intensity Bidirectional Elevated Light	N/A	2.8-6.6	32	

					
CHALP	TEL- L861 (L): 8 6 1 5 – T 5 – B – 0 6 6	Omnidirectional Taxiway Edge Light- LED	W/O Heater	6.6	11.2
			W/ Heater	6.6	30
Pro V RCL/TDZ-LED, L850(L): 850X-5-XX-F1-XXX-XX-X		Runway Centerline Light			
		Unidirectional White	W/O Heater	6.6	21
		Unidirectional Red	W/O Heater	6.6	11
		Bidirectional White/White	W/O Heater	6.6	42
		Bidirectional White/Red	W/O Heater	6.6	33
		Unidirectional White	W/ Heater	6.6	35
		Unidirectional Red	W/ Heater	6.6	25
		Bidirectional White/White	W/ Heater	6.6	70
		Bidirectional White/Red	W/ Heater	6.6	61
Pro V TCL-LED, L852(L): 852X-5-XX-F1-XXX-XX-X		Taxiway Centerline Light			
		Unidirectional C and K	W/O Heater	6.6	12
		Bidirectional C and K	W/O Heater	6.6	24
		Unidirectional D	W/O Heater	6.6	13
		Bidirectional D	W/O Heater	6.6	26
		Unidirectional C and K	W/ Heater	6.6	26

4) Electrical Characteristics

- Have completed research
- Looking at one option for 10A at 2,000V
- NEC benefit of cable under 2500V – shielding not required if under 2500V
- Focus now on jacket construction
- Discussions on handling of Arctic (Heater) Kits:
 - Kick on automatically at 40F or under
 - LED load and Heater load on same isolation device – good idea going forward?



5) Jacket and Molding Materials

- Have list of about 10 chemicals and elements to consider
- (See Attached) Need to Finalize List
- Got MSDS for each chemical / element
- Visit 2 or more chemists for compounding and / or cable processing companies
- Open up project to find right cable jacket material
- Open up project to find right connector molding material

5) Jacket and Molding Materials

Primary

- Water
- Salt
- Dielectric Grease
- Potassium Acetate
- Jet Fuel
- Glycol
- Urea – Diesel Exhaust
- P605 and P606 Sealant
- Asphalt Rejuvenator
- Grass Fertilizer
- -50F to 200F

Secondary

- Fire Ant Powder and Spray
- Hot Sand / Grit
- Rodents – chew / pee
- Weed Killer

5) Jacket and Molding Materials

- Findings:
- Best Materials for molded connectors and cable jacket
 - Santoprene
 - Sarlink
 - Evaprene

To improve Insulation Resistance:

- Increase the thickness of jacket on primary cable
- Increase the thickness of wall size for in field connections

6) Cable Performance

- **Tolerance – most important (one size with tight OD tolerance – will be important for connector sizing)**
- Jacket thickness minimum (needs to fit 1” ID conduit)
- Bend Radius
- Insulation Resistance
- Temp rating
- Abrasion Resistant
- Need to understand cost impact
 - Life Cycle cost savings study

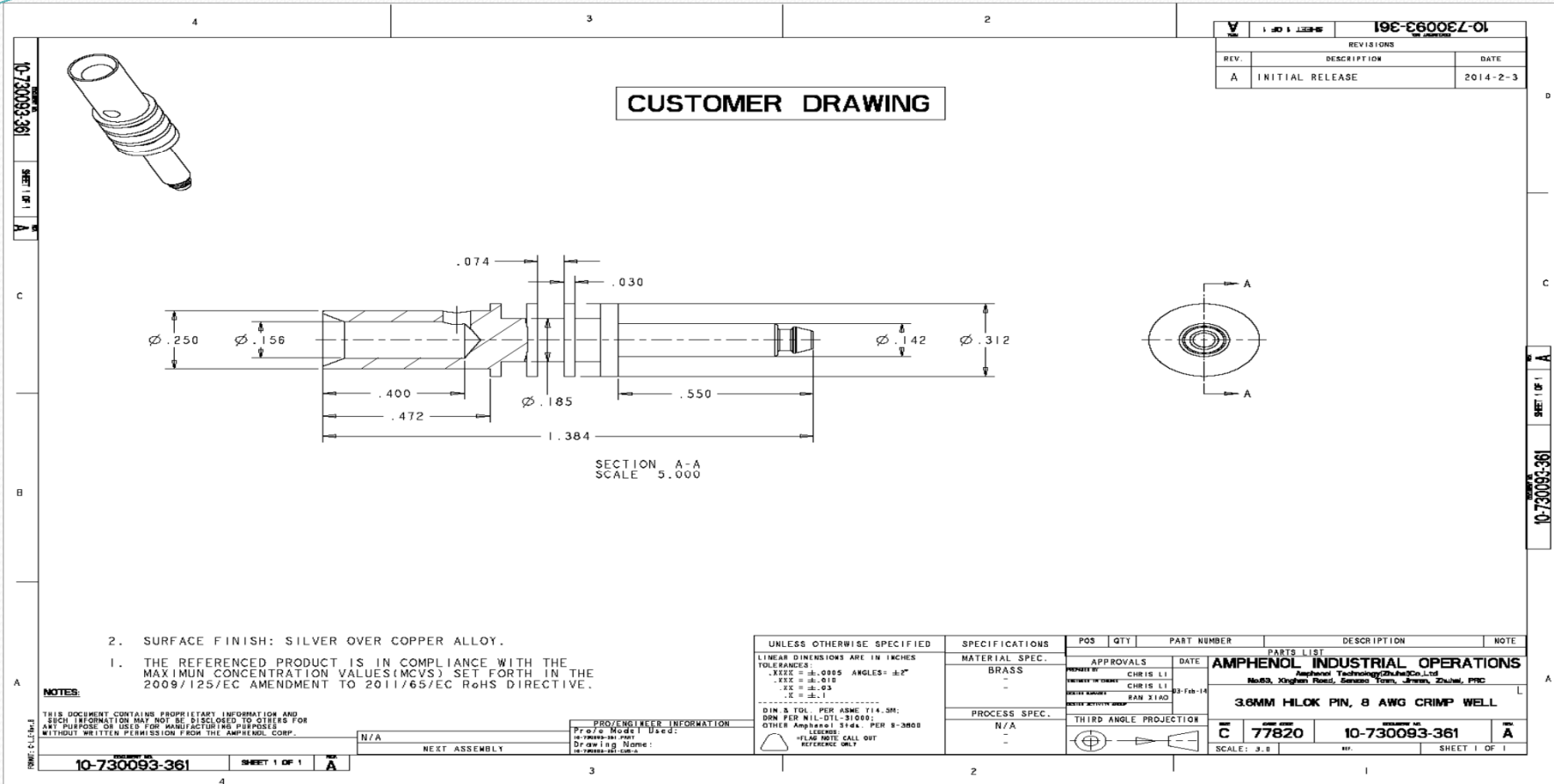
6) Cable Performance

- Increase cable jacket thickness – set standard for OD
 - Std is around 0.350" now
 - Looking for 0.400" or so
 - Will test to see impact via adding more material – optimal point – do not anticipate much cost impact
 - Tolerance is +/- 0.10"
- Bend Radius – 1.5" Radius
 - How far into connector does it create bulge
 - Coordinate bend relief in connector with bend radius

7) Contact Options

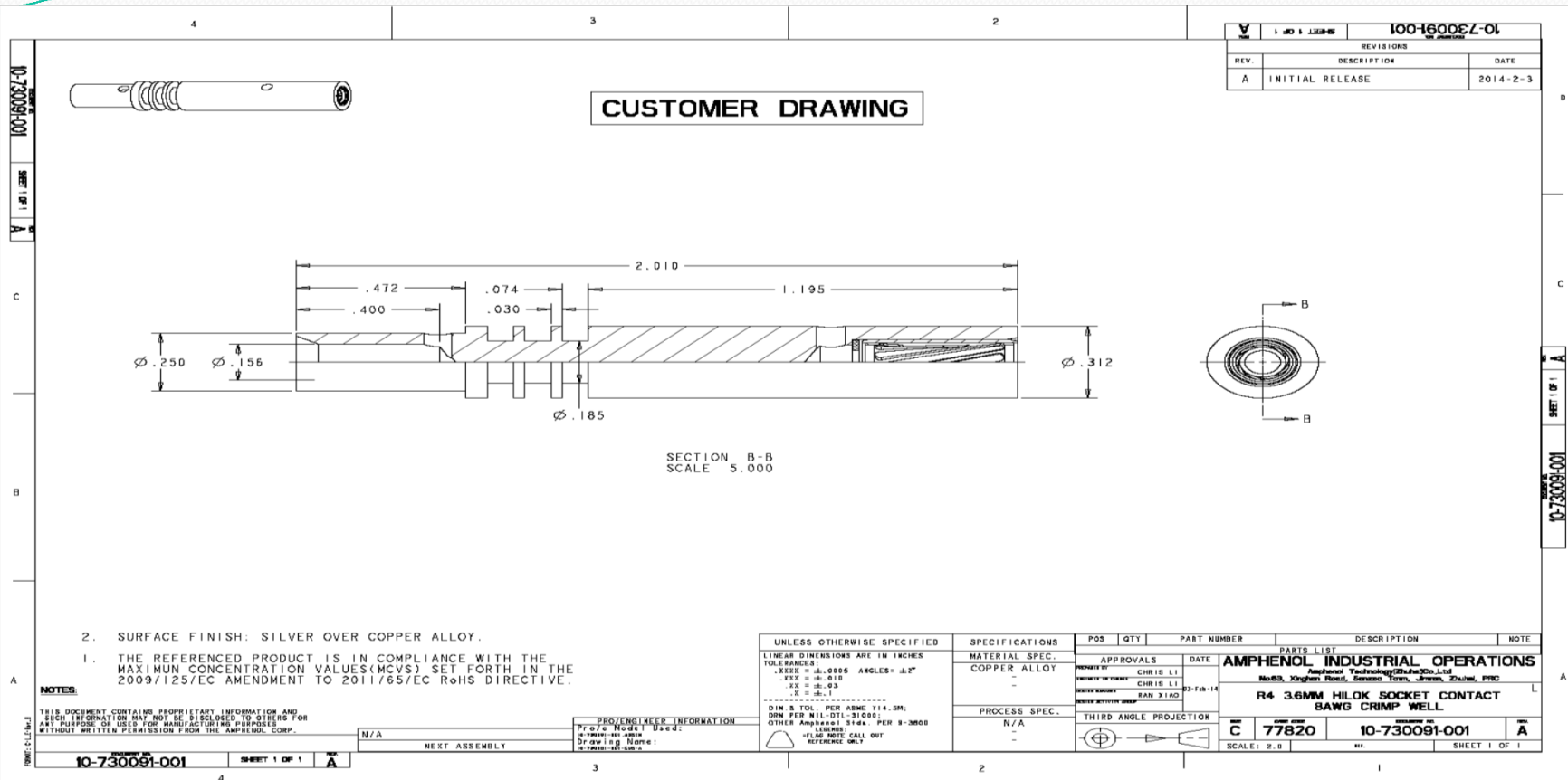
- Brass Contacts
 - Amphenol Rad Sock is perfect
 - Ballpark price quote is not excessive
 - The best I've seen for positive contact at 100% of brass connection
 - Keep brass for best conductivity
 - Leave Male Connector relatively the same
 - Improve female connector with rifle design
 - Recommend same plating and chemical treatment for corrosion resistance
 - Incorporate 3 anchors for each contact to lock into insulator better and raise height of them

Male Primary Pin



- Locking Feature on Cap
- Multiple anchors for better snap in grip on inside of connector
- Hole for screw down / and crimp option (need to test)

Female Primary Contact



- Rifle Design
- Lock in point at base for cap
- Hole for screw down / and crimp (need to test)
- Multiple Anchors

8) Connector Options

- Housing Design – Primary
 - Connector with ribs and ridges for excellent handling while assembling
 - Connector locks into place when assembled correctly, positive cue (better design than current anchor system)
 - Design with flat – one way in, one way out
- Prevent Water Ingress
 - Mating design will continue to be 20 psi or more
 - Pull test for mating no longer an issue
 - Better control of water ingress on back side
 - Tighter cable tolerance
 - Better Control on assembly
 - Utilize superior design characteristics

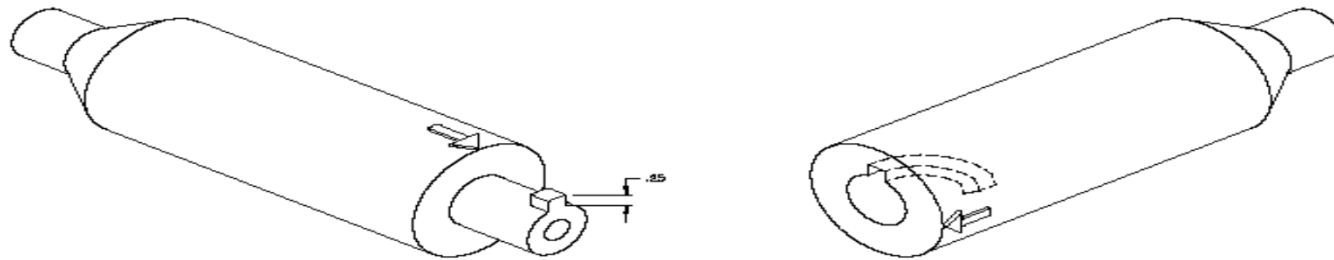
8) Connector Options

- Cut Outs in interior of connector for 2 anchors to engage
- Key molded on male for Dinse style locking into female
 - Key will be $\frac{1}{4}$ " high molded in same material
 - Push in – twist – lock back into place
- Wall thickness of connectors increased to 0.650"
 - Overall connector thickness to 1.7" or so
 - Got specs on molding material and calculate IR improvement per every 0.005" of material density – found ideal thickness

8) Connector Options

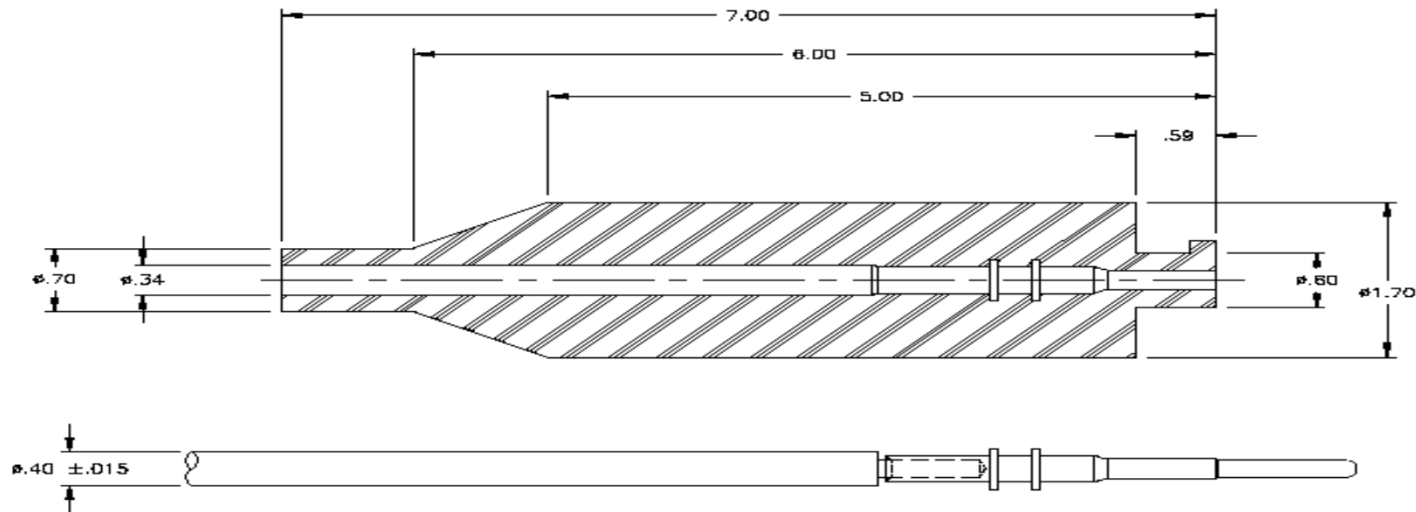
- Bend Relief
 - Assume cable nominal = 0.400" and wall thickness for connector is 0.650" for 1.700" OD of connector
 - Bend Relief is 2" long
 - This will guarantee the cable goes straight into the connector and bend will be absorbed beforehand
- First inch from back of connector
 - Tapers on an angle from 1.700" OD to 0.700" OD
 - This will absorb all the bend
- Second inch from back of connector
 - Same thickness throughout at 0.170"
 - Flexible to grab cable and give a good seal
 - Set ID at 0.340" for good interference fit

Male / Female Insulators – Keyed Approach



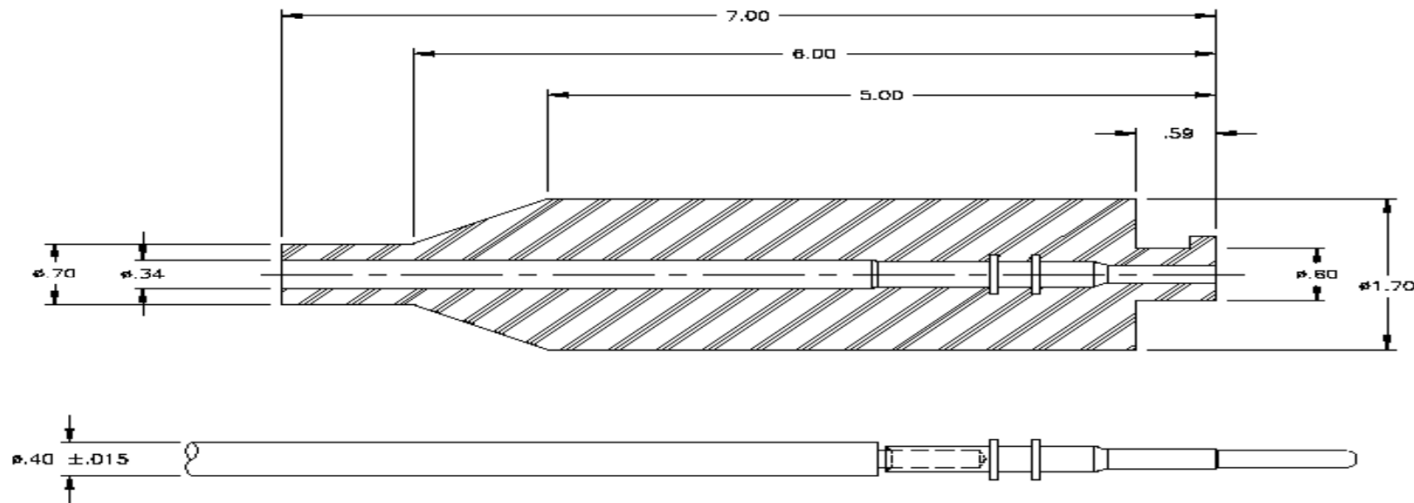
- Molded Key on male insulator
- 1/4" high for good grab with 65 durometer material
- Female channel to lock part in place after successful installation

Connector Dimensions



- Wall Thickness increased to 0.65" on each side
- Overall OD increased to 1.7"
- More material to withstand elements
- Developed Bend Relief into the part

Connector Dimensions



- On back of connector, 1st inch taper from 1.7" to 0.7"
- On back of connector, 2nd inch maintain same thickness at 0.7"
- Starting ID 0.34" similar durometer
- Good interference fit with wall expansion on last inch – like tape
- Good compaction in second inch

9) Next Steps

- 1) Prototype Concepts
- 2) Lab Test for Performance
- 3) Use team to test at controlled areas of major airports
- 4) Consolidate test data – meet to understand
- 5) Adjust designs as necessary
- 6) Report Findings to FAA

10) Questions and Answers

- Thank you for your time and attention!
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